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for the

DARTMOUTH AND TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE DARTMOUTH AND TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1967

To the Chairman and Members

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

In accordance with my statutory duties I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1967.

There has been no change in the Port Health District of Dartmouth and Totnes as constituted in the year 1888 by a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board.

The report follows the form and sequence laid down by the Ministry of Health in Form 'Port 20' 1952.

SECTION I - Staff

Name of Officer	Nature of Apptment.	Date of Apptment	Qualifications	Any other Apptments held
A.D. Verniquet	M.O.H.	Sept. 30th 1951	M.B. Ch.B.	General Practitioner Anaesthetist Dartmouth Hospital
D.R.Griffiths	P.H.I.	July 1st 1967	-	Trinity House Pilot
S.J.Woolnough	Clerk & Financial Off.	June 1st 1967	-	Town Clerk Dartmouth

Address and Telephone No.
Medical Officer of Health

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SECTION II

Amount of Shipping entering the District
during the year 1967
Table B

Ships from	No.	Tonnage	Number Inspected		No. of ships reported as having or having had during voyage infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Hlth.	By the Port Health Inspr.	
For'n Ports	246	13282	10	246	NIL
Coast wise	17	5048	2	17	NIL
TOTAL	263	18330	12	263	NIL

SECTION III

Character of Shipping and Tonnage during year 1967
Table C

Passenger Traffic	Number of Passengers INWARDS - Nil Number of Passengers OUTWARDS - Nil
Cargo Traffic	Principal IMPORTS - Coal, Timber, Hardboard Principal EXPORTS - Nil
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive	- Baltic, Waterford, Rotterdam & Ayr

Ships proceeding to Totnes - Total 50

Timber 43
Hardboard 6
Thatch 1

Shipping entering the port shows a decrease in both number of ships (9) and tonnage (1691) as compared with 1966. There was also a small decrease in the number of ships (3) proceeding to Totnes.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil

SECTION V - Water Supply - No change

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952
No change

SECTION VII - Smallpox

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent in the district:
First Line - Ham Green Hospital, Bristol
County Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard
Second Line - Lee Mills Hospital, Ivybridge

(2) Arrangements for transport are provided by the Plymouth Hospital Service who are responsible for the ambulance and vaccinal state of the ambulance crews. This is part of the Devon County Ambulance Service. The ambulance is contacted through the Ambulance Headquarters at Torquay.

(3) Name of Smallpox Consultant available:
Dr. W.H. St. John-Brooke, West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance.

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox:
The Virus Reference Laboratory, Colindale, London, N.W.4. or through the Public Health Laboratory at Bradninch Hall, Castle Street, Exeter.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease - No Change

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships

No change

SECTION X - Observation on the occurence of Malaria in Ships

No change

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infested with, or suspected for Plague

No Change

SECTION XII - Measures against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports

No change

SECTION XIII

Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

Table G.
Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections		Notices Served		Result of serving notice
		Statry Ntces.	Infml Ntcs.	
General examination of crew's quarters, heads, water supply, store rooms, hold and bilges	263	Nil	Nil	-
TOTAL	263	Nil	Nil	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948

No change.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens - No change

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous - No change

During the year 1967 the following patients were treated by me:

1. at the Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital

Head Injury	- 1 case	
Renal Colic	- 1 case	Transferred to R.N. Hospital, Plymouth.
? Meningitis	- 1 case	Transferred to Torbay Isolation Hospital.

2. at the surgery or at the Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital as outpatients:

Haematoma of Buttocks	- 1 case
U.R.T. Infections	- 2 cases
Strains	- 2 cases
Gastro-enteritis	- 6 cases
Septicaemia	- 1 case
Minor Ailments	- 5 cases

There were no cases of Venereal Disease or Infectious Disease.

All foreshores, quays and jetties have been insepcted and found satisfactory.

Sewer outfalls satisfactory or under surveillance

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servant

A.D. VERNIQUET
M.B., Ch.B.
Port Medical Officer
of Health.

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